FOREIGN INQUIRIES FOR STEEL CONTINUE

More Plates, Rails, Cars, Tin and Munition Materials Wanted.

U. S. DEMAND HEAVY ALSO

* Embargoes, Floods and Lack of Raw Materials Curtail Production.

American steel mills continued to be overwhelmed last week with inquiries from foreign countries for steel plates, rolls, cars, tin plates and munition material. Domestic requirements at the same time were equally heavy, while the mills have been hampered by ratiroad embargoes, floods and a lack of raw material to keep the plants operating at full capacity.

It is estimated that production in the Pittsburg district, where floods occurred, was further reduced 19 to 12 per cent. Incidentally shipments against contracts have been smaller in volume, while spec-ifications against orders are sufficient to keep the mills operating at full capacity for six months or longer.

Entente agents since the first of the rear have been able to place large contracts for shell steel with four or five mills. Actual purchases for 1917 deliv ery, mainly during the second haif o the year, are estimated at 500,000 tons and Canadian inquiries are in the mar ket for approximtaely \$00,000 tone of billets and forgings.

Export sales of commercial shapes are relatively small, but Italy obtained 10,-

ood tons of billets from an eastern Penn-sylvania mill, and other small lots amounting to several thousand tone have been sold for shipment to Great Britain ces ranging from \$58 to \$63 a ton ill, Pittsburg. th inquiries for 150,000 tons of

wine and structural plates and shapes the before the mills orders for only 20.-00 tons have been placed for this year's clivery. Most of the sales are for domestic shipment. A few thousand tons have been sold for export to Japan and Pending equipment contracts are

beavy, but more or less difficulty is beexperienced in placing orders. Car lers sold 4,400 cars in the last few days, 2,000 of which are for export to rance. Locomotive builders have ken orders for 50 engines, 40 of which are for a French railroad. Rail contracts amount to 50,000 tons

uding 4,000 tons for export to South Prospective foreign rail orders ate nearly 200,000 tons. Outside of Great Britain, Russia and France, the largest inquiries come from Spain, Portugal and Denmark. There are inquiries also from South America and the Orient.

A most active demand for fabricated ctural steel is somewhat embarrass ing to the fabricated shops, with capac year, but contracts have just been closed for about 50,000 tons, including 20,000 tons for an Armour packing house at Mt. Paul: 7.800 tons for an extension to the Westinghouse Electric and Manu-

RAILROAD NEWS.

paid as of June 29, 1977.
SOUTHERN RAILWAY—Reports gross earnings for third week January 81,437,760; inc. \$117,601; July 1 84,187,512, inc. \$4,465,531. Entire system reports gross earnings for third week January \$2,083,584, inc. \$179,443; July 1 28,764,779, inc. \$7,288,597.

1. LOUIS, 1RON MOUNTAIN & SOUTH-HERN-Reports to 1. C. C. for Nov., 1918; "Gross earnings \$3,713,217, inc. \$883,331; main-**Penance way and structure \$494,773, inc. \$103, \$484; maintenance equipment \$517,605, dec. \$25, \$45; maintenance equipment \$517,605, dec. \$25, \$771; transportation \$208,620, inc. \$118,853; net. after taxes \$1,464,221, inc. \$1355,348. For five months ended Nov.: Gross earnings \$16,558,180, \$40c. \$1,991,467; maintenance way and struc-ture \$3,051,310, inc. \$912,258; maintenance equipment \$2,481,297, dec. \$275,300; transports \$100 \$41,254,151, inc. \$499,997; net after taxes \$5,479,605, inc. \$1,780,350.

Fig. 479,695, inc. \$1,780,350.

**TEXAS & PACIFIC—Reports gross third week in Jan. \$385,669, inc. \$21,691; from July 1 \$1,192,690, inc. \$128,333. Reports to 1. C. C. for Nov., 1918—Gross carmings \$2,162,586, inc. \$26,595; maintenance way and structure \$199,155, inc. \$32,095; maintenance equipment \$398,798, inc. \$5,691; transportation \$750,696, inc. \$39,078; net after taxes \$708,597, inc. \$43,9078; net after taxes \$708,597, inc. \$44,224. For five months ended Nov.—Gross earnings \$9,595,594, inc. \$1,463,164; maintenance equipment \$1,266,169, inc. \$4,066; transportation \$1,259,649, inc. \$224,374; net after taxes \$2,123,647, inc. \$1,0418.

WABASH—Reports to I. C. C. for Nov. 1918; Gross carrings \$4.38.316, the \$557.248; maintenance way and structure \$214.621, inc. \$4.572; maintenance company \$4.38.316, the \$557.248; dec. \$4.572; maintenance company \$45.824, dec. \$4.562; transportation \$1.215.021, inc. \$4.83.305; net after taxes \$71.75.304, inc. \$24.622. For five months ended Nov.: Gross carrings \$16.585.219, the \$2.02.957; maintenance way and structure \$1.57.7100, dec. \$19.302, maintenance company \$1.57.7100, dec. \$19.302, maintenance structure \$1.57.7100, dec. \$19.302, maintenance \$4.57.7100, dec. \$19.302, maintenance \$4.57.7100,

WESTERN PACIFIC—Reports to I. C. C. for Nov. 1916; forose earnings \$823.223, inc. 180,259; maintenance way and structure \$4.500, inc. \$5.80; maintenance equipment \$6.500, inc. \$5.80; maintenance equipment \$6.500, inc. \$5.80; maintenance equipment \$6.500, inc. \$6.702; transportation, \$509.84. Inc. \$6.311; not after taxes \$188.234, inc. \$143.76. \$10.253, inc. \$143.76. \$10.253, inc. \$143.76; maintenance equipment \$1505.81, inc. \$53.367; maintenance equipment \$155.712, inc. \$13.27; transportation \$1.603.43, inc. \$73.80; net after \$130.83, inc. \$15.301; and \$15.801; and \$15.8

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

AMERICAN ICE SECURITIES CO.— Called for payment on March 31 at par entire outstanding amount of dehenture 6 per cent. bonds due April, 1925. HLINOIS BOND ISSUE—Public Utili-ties Commission of Illinois has been asked by Public Service of Northern Illinois for permission to issue debenture bonds amounting to \$5,000,000.

CITY OF LAWRENCE, MASS—Sold temporary loan of \$200,000 in anticipation of revenue to First National Bank of Hos-ton at 2.91 per cent discount plus \$1.25 premium. Edward L. Stokes, Philadelphia, bid \$194,593 for loan.

NEW YORK CURB MARKET ASS'N .- strop

PUBLIC UTILITY NEWS.

CENTRALLIGHT AND POWER—Reports gross year ended Dec. 31, 1916, \$258,893, compared with \$207,794 for corresponding period 1915; net \$96,392, campared with \$77,697 in 1915; surplus 1916, \$40,392. CITIES SERVICE COMPANY—Oil producing and refining subsidiaries have ordered 150 new oil tank cars, of which 20 will be delivered Feb. I. making 1,290 cars now owned by these subsidiaries.

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NORTH AMERICAN LIGHT AND FOWER—Sold \$2.150,000 frast lien 6 percent, bonds to Poweil, Garard & Co. and Warren, Garrell & Co., who have formed syndicate of Chicago Savings Bank and Trust Co., Second Ward Savings Bank and Trust Co., Second Ward Savings Bank of Milwaukee and Baker, Ayling & Co., Boston, to underwrite lesue. Syndicate will offer bonds at par and interest.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC—Filed protest with California Ballroad Commission against Great Western Power Co. of California being permitted to extend its high tension transmission lines into Yuba county. Company says that building of line will result in duplication of investment and service. Great Western Power line is being built to serve about 650 horsepower to a farm land company. Pacific Gas & Electric asserts it is well able to serve all customers in this territory.

MINING NEWS.

PRICE OF SISAL IS PUT UP 2C. A POUND

Mexicans Set 16 1-2c., Compared With 5 1-4c, in September 1915.

Another boost-this time of full two ents a pound—was announced yester-lay by the Mexican commission which in the United States is manufactured The new quotation is 1614 cents a pound for February-March delivery, and it compares with the last quotation of 1414 cents, a quotation in November of 10% cents, a quotation in November of 10% cents and the low price in September, 1915, of 514 cents. The increase has tended to stiffen the

Manila market too. Fair current is quoted at 16 cents, while 25 per cent. over fair current is quoted at 19 cents. A Senate agriculture committee which are investigated workings of the commission for the sale of sisal reported recently that it was unable to do anything to stop the advances, but requested the De-partment of Justice to begin such action as is deemed necessary and the State Department to ascertain whether relief cannot be obtained through diplomatic channels. The committee also requested the Department of Agriculture to begin laboratory experiments to find a suitable and economic substitute for sisal. Practically the entire world's supply is grown in the little State of Yucatan, in southin the little ern Mexico.

In its report the committee said: "As this monopoly is beyond the "As this monopoly is beyond the ter-ritory of the United States, it is difficult to see how it can be reached. Whether our laws have been violated or not, there ing to the fabricated shops, with capac-ity already sold for from six months to Reguladora conducts a most oppressive

Menalio Marin, agent of the commis sion in New York, asserts that sisal fibre is being sold to American manu-facturers at from 23; to 6 cents a pound facturers at from a facturers at facturers at

worth of equipment.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC—Reports December gross 10,535,75, dec. \$1,255, inc. \$1,252, inc. \$1,252

CALVES—Receipts, 187 head; 105 en ale. Market stendy. Fair to good veals old at \$15 to \$16 per 109 lbs; culls \$10 on this one-sixteenth that the present exporting at \$15 to \$16 per 109 lbs; culls \$10 to not this one-sixteenth is but crude, now methods and the employment of alves steady; city dressed veals 12c, to 22c. Sales—Kerns Commission Co. 2 Indiana calves, 215 per 100 s.; 5 Indiana calves, 228, \$10; 47, 336. Solves, 220, \$6. S. Judd & Co., 27 veals, 15, 15; Newton & Co., 18 veals, 121, 585; 3 culls, 103, \$11. SHEEP AND LAMBS,-Receipts, \$12

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ad. ½ car on sale. Sheep steady, lambs
m to higher. Ordinary sheep sold at
per 100 lbs.: yearlings. \$11.50; lambs.
4½15. Dressed mutton steady at 112
c. per lb.; oressed lambs. 12622c. Couny dressed hot house lambs, \$10014 per arches.

Sales.— Tobin & Shannon, 58 State
ambs, 85 lbs. average, \$15 per 100 lbs.;
sheep, 117, \$8. Newton & Co., 7 Pennylvaria lambs, 100, \$14; 2 yearlings, 115,

HOGS.—Receipts, 2.112 head; none on all. Feeling nominally steady. Country treased hogs, 13@17c. per lb, for heavy to ght weights. Other Cities' Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—HOGS—Receipts, 17.000; unsettled, 5c. above yesterday's average; bulk, \$11.35@11.00; light, \$11.10 @11.90; mixed, \$11.16@11.70; heavy, \$11.20 @11.70; rough, \$11.20@11.35; pigs, \$9.25 @10.00.

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CATTLE—Receipts, 700; steady; native beef cuttle, \$7.75@11.90; Western steers, \$7.75@19.9; stocker and feeders, \$6@9; cows and heifers, \$5@10.25; calves, \$11@15.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5.000; steady; wethers, \$9.75@11.25; lambs, \$11.75@14.85.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 27.—Hogs receipts, 1.000; higher. Bulk, \$11.25@11.65; heavy, \$11.60@11.70; packers and butchers, \$11.40@11.60; light, \$11@11.50; pigs, \$0.25@10.50. CATTLES—Receipts, 300; steady; Prime fed steers, \$11 \$\overline{\text{gl}}1.00; dressed beef steers, \$8.50\overline{\text{gl}}0.90; Southern steers, \$7\overline{\text{gl}}1.7\overline{\text{gl}}0.00; cows, \$5.50\overline{\text{gp}}0.0; helfers, \$7\overline{\text{gl}}1; stockers and feeders, \$6.75\overline{\text{gl}}10; bulls, \$6.50\overline{\text{gs}}8.50; calves, \$7\overline{\text{gl}}1.2

calves, \$74:12.

SHEED-Receipts, 500; steady; lambs, \$13.750*14.25; yearlings, \$11.75\tilde{a}12.50; weihers, \$10.10.50; ewes, \$9.50\tilde{a}10.35.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—HOGS-Receipts, 0.000; steady; lights, \$11.20\tilde{a}11.85; pigs, \$9.25\tilde{a}10.75; mixed and butchers, \$11.80\tilde{a}11.80; good heavy, \$11.70\tilde{a}11.80; bulk, \$11.50\tilde{a}11.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, 000; steady; native beef steers, \$7.50@11.50; yearling steers and heiters, \$8.50@11.50; cows, \$5.50@ 8.75; stockers and feeders, \$5.80@8.50; calves, \$0@14.50. SHEEP—Receipts, 250; steady; lambs, \$12.75 @ 14.50; ewes, \$6.50 @ 10.25; year-lings, \$11 @ 12.25.

HAINOIS BOND ISSUE—rather
ties Commission of Hinois has been asked
by Fublic Service of Northern Hinois for
permission to issue debenture bonds
amounting to \$5.000,000.

BOWERY BANK—Directors declared
usual quarterly dividend of 3 per cent.
and extra of 1 per cent., payable Feb. 1.
Books reopen Feb. 1.
CANADIAN WESTINGHOUSE CO.—Has
effered to shareholders of record Feb. 1.
\$1,250.000 stock at par in ratio of one
how share for every fous.held. Right to
subscribe expires Feb. 15 and payment
for stock must be made on or before
March 1.
CITY OF LAWRENCE, MASS.—Sold
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1,200; slow; common to enoice, \$8 g 11.05, stags, \$7 g 9.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, \$00; steady; calves, SHEEP--Receipts, 100; strong; lambe,

Name of Louis M. Telchman was lined veriently omitted in report on nominations for mentions of board of representatives for ensuing year. Mr. Telchman has been dominated to serve three years. TO DEVELOP HAYTI

Vast Resources of Island Have Lain Dormant Since Napoleonie Era.

BRIGHT FUTURE IS SEEN

Improvements of All Kinds Made Since U. S. Protectorate in 1915.

The first setp toward the development of the resources of Hayti by American capital, as an outcome of the treaty excuted recently between the Governm of that republic and the United taken by a group of New York hicago and Cincinnati bankers. In des patches from Albany it was announced that the financiers had obtained a char-ter for the Haytlan American Corporaion, capitalization of which is to be \$6,000,000 of preferred stock at a par value of \$100, 60,000 shares of common stock without par value and 60,000 chares of founders' stock with no par

is to develop the vast resources of the island, which have lain dormant since the Napoleonic era, more than one hundred years ago, and to restore the country to the condition of prosperity it enjoyed in those days. The company has acquired the control of the railroad, electric light plant, wharf and warehouses in Port au Prince, the capital and principal scaport of the island, which are now being oper-ated profitably under exclusive conces-sions and which serve the most thickly populated portion of the country. The company also has acquired control of the electric light property at Cape Haytien

To Produce Sugar Cane. With possession of those facilities the

company will cultivate and grind sugar cane principally in the fertile plains of Cul de Sac and Leogane. This, it is be-lieved, will be a most profitable undertaking both in itself and for the com-munity in the island. To that end the corporation has obtained control and ownership of land in excess of 20,000 acres and will at once install a centrals with a capacity of 2,000 tons a day. In discussing the advantages to be de rived by the people of Hayti through the investment of American capital in the island, H. R. Tippenhauer, president of the Tippenhauer Trading Co., who wa rn in Hayti, said:
"We natives of Hayti have realized

that sooner or later the island would re gain the splendor of former times, whe as a colony of France, it was considered and justly so, one of France's most val-uable possessions. This moment, the ar-rival of which we had foreseen for years. came in September, 1915, with the es tablishment of an American protectorate

With the impending development o Hayti's natural resources and the ac-companying investment of American capital, the public utilities, such as those the new corporation controls, will be the benefited directly or Incidentally the whole island rectly.

Vant Area to Cultivate. "The island of Hayti is situated al-

and put all the blame therefor on the adjacent small islands, has an area of Mexican farmers who produce and sell 10,200 square miles, being about one-**SERW YORK CENTRAL—Arranged to sell.

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"Hayti has a superficial area of six million acres, of which 3,500,000 acres are occupied by mountains, rivers, water sources and springs; towns, villages and hamlets; forests, highways and roads, and lands generally unfit for cultivation. The remaining 2,400,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands absolutely fit for high cultivation, but of these only 150,000 acres represent the lands acres to several. The return of several million men to industrial markets not yet accommodated to new conditions will, except in certain skilled occupations, create a tendency for wages to fill. On the other hand, the cost, of living will remain high until shipping facilities, production and our export of manufactured and raw material expand.

"When we consider that the cultivation one-sixteenth his but crude, new methods and the employment."

Post-war Demands. within a comparatively short period. My goods and money.

"Both wages and commodities have "Hayti has a superficial area of six million acres, of which 3,500,000 acres but both will not fail on the proclama-

BUSINESS RECORD.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

SKEELE COAL COMPANN, \$50 West street: involuntary. Liabilities and assets not given. Principal claims: Thorne Neale & Co., \$521; Superior Coal Company, \$3.006; George M. Morrell Company, \$165. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in the Federal District Cours on Thursday obtained a Judgment against the Skeele Coal Company for \$92,371,31. The matter came before the court in a form of a breach of contract suit brought by the Skeele Coal Company for \$92,371,31. The matter came before the court in a form of a breach of contract suit brought by the Skeele Coal Company, and the judgment was secured on a counter claim put in by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. The Skeele Coal Company sued for commissions aggregating \$800,000, and the counter claim presented by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company was for \$95,585.73.

BERNARD BRINDZE, real estate operator, 38 Park Row; voluntary. Liabilities, \$15,506; no assets. Principal claims: Seamen's Bank for Savings, \$5,318; Helen M. McLaughlin, \$5,300.

GEORGE H. ROGERS, contractor and civil engineer. Tuckahoe; voluntary. Liabilities, \$7,201; assets, \$15,586. Principal claims: New Rochelle Water Company, \$359; George C. Dodge, \$316; Hersey Manufacturing Company, \$379.

BROOK FEATURE FILM CORPORATION, 729 Seventh avenue; voluntray. Liabilities, \$37,625; assets, \$18,586. Principal claims: Universal Camera Company, \$4,600; Mulch Filter Company, \$974; E. Goldberg, \$506.

14,000; Mulch Filter Company, \$974; E. Goldberg, \$508.
WILLIAM R. FICKE COMPANY, printers and stationery, 19 Beaver street; involuntary. Liabilities and assets not given. Principal claim: Theodore Ficke, \$2,700.

Assignment. AMERICAN KNITTED PRODUCTS COM-PANY, INC., 409 East Seventieth street; assigned to Milton W. Sametz, incor-porated in 1915. Edward M. Hyans, president.

Manhattan Judgments.

mann Frankenstein, Samuel S.-F. Kieman Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling Co.-M. Donohre
Tayes, Chas. R.—I. I. Emsheiner...
Hochman, Annie and Michael—M.
Morris
nterborough Rapid Transit Co.—L.

Manhattan Satisfied Judgments.

(First debtor; second, creditor; date filed.)

Brown, Wilbur C. National Park

Bank of N. Y.; June 16, 1909. \$1.064.75

Beaver Building Co.—P. Dinsenbacher; 1,286.09

Jan. 3, 1917. 1,286.09

Same Same, Jan. 3, 1917. 1,286.09

Levy, Archibald L.—L. Schlesinger; 6,281.59

May 11, 1806. 1,287.

OHIO OIL SURPLUS \$75,000,000. company Will Increase Shares

Company to-day called a meeting of stock-holders to be held here next Wednesday, and onounced that the par value of the stock will be increased from \$25 to \$100 a share. The company is capitalized at \$15,000,000, and the change will make it \$60,000,000. The company was organized three years ago and a short time later was purchased by the tandard Oil Company. The company's surplus is announced as

MOST GOLD IS HELD BY BANK OF FRANCE

Official Report Made on Holdings by Various European Nations.

Special Correspondence to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17 .- The French State Bank holds the largest amount of gold of any institution in Europe, Russia coming next. These facts appear from a return given in an official report, which gives the latest figures as follows:

"It is possible that the figures for Italy include some portion in silver.

During the year the holdings of gold by most of the state banks have inreased. The Allies' gold resources total \$2,227,985,000, or, taking into account the British visible stock other than that in the Bank of England note reserve. mounting to \$560,525,000, a grand total of \$2,788,510,000, as compared with \$629,770,000, as announced by the German Reichsbank

man Reichsbank.

Notwithstanding the vicissitudes attaching to this war of wars, the Bank of England has maintained a unique position among other State banks by the sition among other State banks by the encashment of its notes in gold on de-mand, and also as to the proportion between the gold reserves and the total of notes issued. The amount was 74 per cent, of the note issue. The proportion of gold to the amount of notes in cirulation other than those retained by the Bank of England was very much greater than this, namely 133 per cent.

Last spring Denmark, Norway and weden released their respective banks m the obligation of buying gold at a fixed rate. A year ago Messrs Sam-uel Montagu & Co. remarked that "a glu of gold has its disadvantages as well as a deficiency," and the action of these Scandinnvian countries is an emphatic confirmation of this statement. So reactant was Sweden to receive payment gold that a parcel shipped as a remittance to that country was refused by the Rikshank at the normal price, and only received, as a matter of grace, at per cent, below. Thus gold was at a scount in Sweden, as compared with ts currency.

The bullion letter adds: "This unique sis in the fortunes of the British Empire has revealed the strength of its firances, the resilience of its trade, and spirit of self-sacrifice in which the ritish people and those varied races have destines are linked with the British Crown have stared alike. Commenting on the outlook, the report ays the State has been driven by the force of events to become a spend

adition of an economical spender wil be fraught with danger, for it will im its debts at the very moment when it ceases to be their best customer for

and from abroad for gilt edge securi-"The dominant factor af all, however.

"The dominant factor of all, however, will be the ability of her sons and daughters to insure that the world shall remain debtor to their industry.
"It was stated by Prof. Foxwell toward the close of May last that the Urited States of America had absorbed (350,000,000) (\$1,750,000,000) worth of American securities since the beginning of the war. The total amount of such securities estimated to be held by Engsh investors before the war amounted to between £500,000,000 (\$2,500,000,000) and £600,000,000 (\$3,000,000,000).
"The Transvaal and other African districts," adds the circular, "continue to show improving returns, and the world's gold production for 1916 is likely to be about £99,000,000 (\$495,000,000)."

LEGAL NOTICES.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL, DISTRICT—In the Matter of the Application of THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION for the First District of the State of New York, acting for and on behalf of the City of New York by the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal pursuant to Chapter 4. Laws of 1891, and the several statutes amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, relative to acquiring an estate in fee simple, absolute free from interference and right of interference in and to certain premises situated on PARK AVE. NUE. FORTY-FIRST and FORTY-SECOND STREETS, in the Horough of Manhattan, City of New York, required for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation in perpetuity of a rapid transit rail-

of the construction, maintenance and operation in perpetuity of a rapid transit railroad,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the report of Phoenix Ingraham, Charles T. Terry and John B. Coleman, Commissioners of Appraisal duly appointed in the above entitled proceeding, which report bears date the Ind day of January, 1817, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York on the 4th day of January, 1917.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said report will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the First Judicial District at the County of the Pirst Judicial District at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan of the City of New York on the Ath day of February, 1817, at the opening of court on that day and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as coursed can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 25th, 1817.
HENRY SMITH, Attorney for Claimants, Samuel T. Shaw and Julia E. Ford, Office and Post Office Address 132 Nassaul Street, Horough of Manhattan, City of New York.

From \$25 to \$100 Each. FINDLAY, Obio, Jan. 27.—The Obio Oil IN "SERVANT" STUDY

Mrs. Heath Says Any Plan to Solve Problem Will Be Hailed With Delight.

TO DIGNIFY HOUSEWORK

Branches of the Housewives League All Over Country Will Assist Caminetti.

Women the country over will be only too glad to cooperate with the Department of Labor in its attempt to solve the "servant problem," Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the Housewives League, said yesterday. Any plan that will help to dignify housework and make it so attractive that more girls will adopt it as a profession will be welcomed with shouts of approval, and, what is better. with hands outstretched to help.

Mrs. Heath said she went to Washington three weeks ago and had a talk

with Immigration Commissioner Caminetti, who has announced that the Government, with the assistance of housewives in and out of women's clubs, is about to tackle the problem. She found, she said, that his ideas were splendid, and the branches of her league in other cities will give him every possible aid. cities will give him every possible aid.
Thus far Mr. Caminetti has asked only
for advice and prunise of cooperation
and has not made public the defails of
his programme. As soon as the Government is ready

said Mrs. Heath, "we will get the branches of the Housewives League in line, and I have no doubt other organi-zations will do their share. The servant problem is mere'y a later problem and should be treated as one. One of the first things to be done is to alter the relations between employer and employee.

The terminology mistress and maid, master and servant, is unfortunate and must be changed. It will be a great step forward when housework is placed on the same plane as other honest worl and the girl who works in the kitche or the dining toom regards herself and is regarded by her employer as a worker, not a 'servant.' "But first housework must be stan-

dardized by the general use of efficient methods. Kitchen labor is not drudgery if the housewife will fit up her kitchen with modern labor saving and step saving appliances such as her husband regards as a necessity in his business This fact must be impressed on paratively few women regard it in that light and consequently they make a must of it. The other day I had occasion to go to the Tax Department of the city. The clerk handed me a blank on which I had to set down my occupation. I wrote proudly 'housewife.' He did not know what to make of it, yet he was a man of average intelligence. "Efforts to solve the 'servant' problem must begin at the top. I mean that the

who employ 'servants' must be educated before it becomes easy to get

and keep domestic employees. I believe Mr. Caminetti recognizes that fact." New York has yet to see a domestic employees union, but Duluth, Minn., has employees union, but Dulleth, annua, as-one aiready, with a schedule of wages that vary according to the size of a family and that calls for a nine hout day with time and half for overtime, a full day off each week and other im-

provements on the ordinary routine.
In setting out to save the local situa-tion by making housework attractive, the Neighborhood Association of Roslyn. L. I., announced last week that the word "servant" was a thing of the past Whether Mr. Caminetti purposes to ask other towns and cities to throw open their community houses to the scientists of kitchen laboratories, as Roslyn has done, is not disclosed, but the movement is in that direction.

NEW ASTORIA LINE TO OPEN THURSDAY

Will Operate in Connection With Queensboro Subway to Grand Central.

nounced yesterday that the Interborough Rapid Transit Company would begin op eration of the new Astoria elevated line on February 1. This part of the dual system will afford relief to a district not now served by any rapid transit line and will also connect other Queens lines with the new Queensboro Bridge Plaza station. The line just completed cost \$1,350,-900 without equipment. It leaves the Queensboro Bridge Phys at Jackson avenue, turning into Second or Debevoise avenue at Paynter avenue and then exavenues, approximately a mile from the northern water front. Stations are lo-cated at Beebe avenue, Washington ave-nue, Broadway, Grand avenue, Flushing and Hoyt avenues and Ditmars avenue The last two are express stations served by a third track.

The first operation of the line will

be in connection with the Queensboro subway from Grand Central station in Manhattan to the Queensboro Bridge Plaza station. Early in the summer trains also will be operated by way of the Queensboro Bridge in connection with the Second avenue elevated line to Park Row. Upon the completion of the new East River tunnel under Sixtiet) reet two years hence, operation will had by the New York Consolidated Railroad Company, a H. R. T. subsidiary connection with the new Broadwa subway and the Fifty-ninth street sub way in Manhattan. Eastern Steamship Incorporated.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 27.—The certificate of incorporation of the Eastern Steamship Lanes, Inc., organized to take ever the property of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, recently sold under a Federal Court decree, was filed here to day. The capital stock, on which nothing is paid in is to comsist of \$2,300,000 common and \$3,550,000 preferred. P. E. Coyle of Brook-line, Mass., is named as president.

Virginian Ry, Increases Stock. NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 27.—stockholders of the Virginian Railway Company to-day increased the stock of the company from \$45,000,000 to \$75,000,000. Of this \$35,000,000 will be 5 per cent preferred stock and the rest common. Present directors were reselected. They will meet in New York soon and elect officers.

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CROSSTOWN LINE IS PLANNED FOR BRONX

Double Track Electric Road Is Projected, With Terminals on Both Rivers.

REALTY MEN INTERESTED

Look for Extensive Develop ment in Many Parts of Northern Section.

Residents, civic bodies and real estate interests which have suffered through a lack of crosstown transit facilities in State. The former Justice who won the the territory between 210th and 240th fight for gas at this price in Manhattan. a lack of crosstown transit facilities in streets on the West Side and the Bronx and Pelham Parkway and 220th street and Pelham Parkway and 220th street panies against the law stipulating gas at on the East Side have united in their 80 and 85 cents in the respective box. efforts to bring about a change. The oughs. Bronx Board of Improvement has been incorporated "to cause to be made certain surveys for the proposed route for the construction of a double track elec-tric rallway." The capital is set at \$600 and Florence J. Sullivan, Edward S. Schwartz and H. E. Becker are the directors The route selected will tap a terri-

tory in the extreme northern section o the city and will be the first car lin except the one now running in 125t street, with terminals on both river. The route for the new line follows rivers general easterly-northeasterly direction beginning at the Spuyten Duyvil station of the New York Central on the Hudeor River, running along the Harlem River ship canal to Tiblet Creek, to West 238th street, to Balley avenue, to Mosholu Parkway, to Jerome avenue, to Gun Hill road, to Pelham Parkway, to City island. The distance is approximately nine miles and it is estimated the project will cost about \$1,000,000 A strong feature of the new route !

that it will cross all the north and south transit lines at points where there are stations, thus filling the demand for subway and electric lines; Putnam di-vision of the New York Central, Jerome avenue subway and electric lines: Web-ster avenue electric line, Harlem di-vision of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, extension of the preent subway on White Plains road, and the existing trolley line: N. Y. W. & B. Railread and another branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. The new line would open the way for extensive real estate development in the Spuyten Duyvil, Kingsbridge, Williamsbridge, Wakefield and Pelham sections and on City Island. Real estate inter-

ests, realizing the betterment that would follow the building of the line, favor the building of the road. The American

building of the road. The American Real Estate Company, which has extensive holdings in The Brown, and the Burke Foundation are among these. The Brown Board of Linguovement will petition the Public Service commission and other authorities to establish the road, requesting them to direct an existing railroad to build the line. In the event that it cannot be accomplished in this way a separate commany is to be this way a separate company is to be organized to build it independently. Exorganized to have reported favorably on the project. Plorence J. Sullivan, 2: Cedar street, is the attorney for the corporation which is seeking the improvement.

HUGHES GAS CASE REFEREE

To Hear Fight Against so Con-Order in Brooklyn.

appointment of Supreme Co Justice Finch yesterday Charles E Hughes will once more deal with the s cent gas dispute, which first broughim into prominent notice and slare him toward the Covernorship was named referee in the contest brought by Brooklyn and Queens lighting com

The case in which Mr. Hughes will figure is that brought by the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company. panies which have obtained injune pending an investigation are the Kings County Lighting Company, the Jamaira County Lighting Company, the Jamaica Gas Light Company, the Woodhayen day Light Company, the Newtown das Light Company and the Richmond Hill and Queens County Light Company

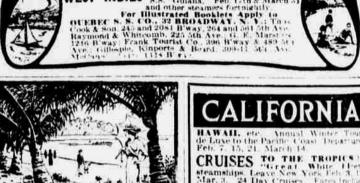
COAL COMPANY IN BANKRUPTCY

keele Concern Goes Inder at Busiest Season of the Year.

The frigidity of yesterday's weather was unable to prevent the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the Skeele Coal Company of 99 West street. Coincidental with the petition was the entry of a judgment against the co cern for \$92,371 in favor of the Lehigh writing its inability to meet its financial The Skeele Coal Company, claims damages against the Lebigh Cost and

Navigation Company in a recent su of more than \$300,00, but the charge were thrown out of court and a verdi rendered in favor of the Lehigh con pany on a counter claim. Railroads' Expenses Jump Up. WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 - The in





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